

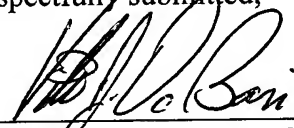
REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/479,110, filed January 7, 2000. Claims 17-20 are pending in the present application.

No fees are believed to be required in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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